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TITLE OF INVENTION: NETWORK AUTHENTICATION SYSTEM USING INDIVIDUAL SERVICES PROVIDES AND AN AUTHENTICATION SERVER

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(application filed after June 7, 1995 but prior to May 29, 2000)

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Notice of Allowability	Application No. 09/555,233 Examiner Aravind K. Moorthy	Applicant(s) KOJIMA, AKITOSHI Art Unit 2431
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-- The MAILING DATE of this communication appears on the cover sheet with the correspondence address--

All claims being allowable, PROSECUTION ON THE MERITS IS (OR REMAINS) CLOSED in this application. If not included herewith (or previously mailed), a Notice of Allowance (PTO-85) or other appropriate communication will be mailed in due course. **THIS NOTICE OF ALLOWABILITY IS NOT A GRANT OF PATENT RIGHTS.** This application is subject to withdrawal from issue at the initiative of the Office or upon petition by the applicant. See 37 CFR 1.313 and MPEP 1308.

1. This communication is responsive to 3 March 2008.

2. The allowed claim(s) is/are 12-15.

3. Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).

a) All b) Some* c) None of the:

1. Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.

2. Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. _____.

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7. Examiner's Amendment/Comment
8. Examiner's Statement of Reasons for Allowance
9. Other _____.

/Christopher A. Revak/
Primary Examiner, Art Unit 2431

DETAILED ACTION

1. This is in response to the amendment filed on 3 March 2008.
2. Claims 12-15 are pending in the application.
3. Claims 12-15 have been allowed.
4. Claims 1-11 and 16 have been cancelled.

Allowable Subject Matter

5. Claims 12-15 are allowed.

The following is an examiner's statement of reasons for allowance:

The current application is directed towards a network system that includes a plurality of individual Internet service providers each having access points, and a parallel Internet service provider connected to the plurality of individual Internet service providers, the individual Internet service providers and the parallel Internet service provider each include an authentication server. When the access point of a provider receives a connection request from a user who contracts with the parallel service provider, the provider transfers a connection ID and a password to an authentication server of the parallel Internet service provider to perform user authentication. When a result of the authentication is good, the user terminal is connected to the user terminal through the access point.

The closest prior art to the current application was Ramanathan et al U.S. Patent No. 6,182,136 B1 (hereinafter Ramanathan). Ramanathan is directed towards a method and system for modeling services available via a network include selecting a core service that is to be modeled, forming a discovery template that is specific to the selected core service, and automatically discovering the elements which cooperate to provide the core service. The

discovery template includes instructions for implementing automated techniques for discovering service elements, and preferably services, which are anticipated as being cooperative in executing the core service. The system includes a number of discovery modules for generating outputs indicative of the services and service elements. A discovery engine is responsive to the discovery template to invoke the modules that are identified in the template as being relevant to discovering specified services and service elements. The template also identifies dependencies among the modules, so that the proper sequence of processing can be determined. In one embodiment, the discovery template is organized into sections, with each section (1) being specific to a type of service or service element, (2) specifying at least one discovery routine for identifying the specified type of service or service elements, and (3) specifying dependencies of the identified discovery routine on outputs of other discovery routines. Preferably, each section also includes instructions for configuring the data that is output from the identified discovery routine.

However, there are differences between Ramanathan and the current application. Ramanathan shows Fig. 5 illustrating a service topology for an email service of "Read Mail" as an example implementation of the system of Fig. 3 and Fig. 6 illustrating an example of a view that may be presented to an ISP operator using the view generator 42 of Fig. 3. Figs. 5 and 6 do not teach any service provider devices. According to the service topology shown in Fig. 5, using a client application that supports the Post Office Protocol-Version 3 (POP3), a subscriber at a desktop computer 62 attempts to access mail. Internal to the ISP system, the request from the subscriber's computer 62 may be received and processed by one of may servers 64, 66 and 68 that constitute a mail service group 70. The servers within the group are front-end servers (FESS)

(column 19, lines 50-57). Fig. 6 is an illustration of an example of a view that may be presented to an ISP operator using the view generator 42 of Fig. 3. While the oval-shaped nodes in the service model graph represent the different services and service elements, the arrows represent measurements of services and service elements. The root of the service model graph is the Read Mail service, represented by oval 80. The state of this node represents the overall health of the Read Mail service, as assessed by the MS located in the service farm of the ISP. That is, the overall health is assessed without considering the state of the network links from the server farm to the POP sites. In one embodiment, the overall health is represented by color coding the oval 80. For example, oval 80 may be shaded green to designate a positive health of the Read Mail service, and may be shaded red if the Read Mail service has degraded in its availability or performance (column 20, lines 22-37). There is no teaching in Ramanathan about two types of service provider devices; the individual service provider devices and the parallel service provider device which are limited in claim 12 of the present application. According to the present invention, the user terminals can be connected to the individual service provider devices but cannot be connected to the parallel service provider device since the former includes access point terminals for connecting the user terminals to a network but the latter does not. Therefore, Ramanathan does not teach the individual service provider devices (14A, 14B, 14C) each having access point terminals (20A, 20B, 20C) and the parallel service provider device (16) including no access point terminal.

Any comments considered necessary by applicant must be submitted no later than the payment of the issue fee and, to avoid processing delays, should preferably accompany the issue

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Conclusion

6. Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Aravind K. Moorthy whose telephone number is 571-272-3793. The examiner can normally be reached on Monday-Friday, 8:00-5:30.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Ayaz R. Sheikh can be reached on 571-272-3795. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 571-273-8300.

Information regarding the status of an application may be obtained from the Patent Application Information Retrieval (PAIR) system. Status information for published applications may be obtained from either Private PAIR or Public PAIR. Status information for unpublished applications is available through Private PAIR only. For more information about the PAIR system, see <http://pair-direct.uspto.gov>. Should you have questions on access to the Private PAIR system, contact the Electronic Business Center (EBC) at 866-217-9197 (toll-free). If you would like assistance from a USPTO Customer Service Representative or access to the automated information system, call 800-786-9199 (IN USA OR CANADA) or 571-272-1000.

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